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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2751

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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, McMorris and Cooke)

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to incentives for securing industrial insurance
- 2 coverage; and amending RCW 51.16.060.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 51.16.060 and 1985 c 315 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:
- 6 (1)(a) Every employer not qualifying as a self-insurer, shall
- 7 insure with the state and shall, on or before the last day of January,
- 8 April, July and October of each year thereafter, furnish the department
- 9 with a true and accurate payroll for the period in which workers were
- 10 employed by it during the preceding calendar quarter, the total amount
- 11 paid to such workers during such preceding calendar quarter, and a
- 12 segregation of employment in the different classes established pursuant
- 13 to this title, and shall pay its premium thereon to the appropriate
- 14 fund. Premiums for a calendar quarter, whether reported or not, shall
- 15 become due and delinquent on the day immediately following the last day
- 16 of the month following the calendar quarter.
- 17 (b) The sufficiency of such statement shall be subject to the
- 18 approval of the director((: PROVIDED, That)). The director may in his
- 19 or her discretion and for the effective administration of this title

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- require an employer in individual instances to furnish a supplementary report containing the name of each individual worker, his or her hours worked, his or her rate of pay and the class or classes in which such work was performed((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That in the event)).
- (c) If an employer ((shall furnish)) furnishes the department with four consecutive quarterly reports wherein each such quarterly report indicates that no premium is due the department may close the account((: PROVIDED FURTHER, That)).
- 9 <u>(d) T</u>he department may ((promulgate)) adopt rules 10 regulations)) in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW to establish other reporting periods and payment due dates in lieu of reports and payments 11 following each calendar quarter, and may also establish terms and 12 13 conditions for payment of premiums and assessments based on estimated payrolls, with such payments being subject to approval as to 14 15 sufficiency of the estimated payroll by the department, and also 16 subject to appropriate periodic adjustments made by the department 17 based on actual payroll((: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That)).
 - (e) A temporary help company which provides workers on a temporary basis to its customers shall be considered the employer for purposes of reporting and paying premiums and assessments under this title according to the appropriate rate classifications as determined by the department: PROVIDED, That the employer shall be liable for paying premiums and assessments, should the temporary help company fail to pay the premiums and assessments under this title.
- 25 (2)(a) An employer reporting under subsection (1) of this section 26 is entitled to a credit against his or her premium as provided in (b) 27 of this subsection if:
- 28 <u>(i) The reporting employer provides information to the department</u>
 29 <u>about another employer who has failed to secure coverage as required by</u>
 30 <u>this title; and</u>
- (ii) The department notifies the reporting employer in writing that
 the information led to a final determination that the coverage
 requirements of this title had been violated.
 - (b) The reporting employer is entitled to a premium credit of no more than five hundred dollars for each employer the department finds to be in violation of the coverage requirements of this title based on information provided by the reporting employer to the department. The reporting employer must take the premium credit in the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which notice was given under (a)(ii)

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- 1 of this subsection, except that any unused excess credit may be carried
- 2 forward one quarter to the next calendar quarter's report. A reporting
- 3 employer is entitled to no more than one premium credit arising from
- 4 one employer's violation of the coverage requirements of this title.

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